



# In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 1,284,900 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 31,600 in Georgia.
- 555,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 13,700 in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons<sup>2</sup>

Georgia: 211.8 National: 206.0

Georgia ranks 26<sup>th</sup> highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

### **LUNG CANCER**

## In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 4,400 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Georgia.
- 4,000 men and women will die of lung cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1995–1999<sup>3</sup>

	Georgia	National
Overall	63.1	57.7
White	64.1	57.5
Black	60.9	67.8
Hispanic	11.6	23.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	17.8	29.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	36.2

#### **BREAST CANCER**

In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 5,200 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Georgia.
- 1,000 women will die of breast cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 women, by race, 1995–1999<sup>3</sup>

	Georgia	National
Overall	28.3	28.8
White	25.9	28.2
Black	36.4	37.1
Hispanic	11.8	17.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.9	13.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	15.0

# **COLORECTAL CANCER**

In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 3,200 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Georgia.
- 1,200 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1995–1999<sup>3</sup>

	Georgia	National
Overall	19.6	21.7
White	18.1	21.3
Black	26.0	29.0
Hispanic	8.0	12.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	11.9	13.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	13.5

#### **PROSTATE CANCER**

In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates<sup>1</sup>

- 4,800 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Georgia.
- 800 men will die of prostate cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1995–1999<sup>3</sup>

	Georgia	National
Overall	41.6	33.9
White	32.1	31.2
Black	82.9	72.8
Hispanic	-	21.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	14.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	17.5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2002. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2002. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1995–1999. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.